

File No.: 15186-12us JA/mb

Montreal, Canada March 8, 2002

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Jerry Schlagheck et al.

Serial No.:

09/986,712

Filed:

November 9, 2001

Title:

Method and Apparatus for Detection of Defects Using Localized

Heat Injection of Narrow Laser Pulses

Group Art Unit: 2858

Examiner:

Yaritza Guadalupe

Agent of Record: James Anglehart

Tel: Direct Dial: 514) 847-4244

Assistant Commissioner for Patents. Washington, D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PRIOR TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, copies of the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

The Examiner is kindly requested to consider these references during the examination of the above-identified application, making the references of record, and to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form to the below-signed agent.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the submission of the present information is not to be construed as an admission that such information is, or is considered to be material to patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Schlagheck et al.

By:

James Anglehart

Agent of Record, Registration No. 38,796

SWABEY OGILVY RENAULT

1600 - 1981 McGill College Avenue Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2Y3

Enc.: Copy of References Hand Delivery Sheet 2 sets of PTO-1449 Forms